Share of States in Hydro-Electric Power Projects

†4114. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minsiter of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals for increasing the share of the concerned States in hydroelectricity projects has been received by the Ministry;

(b) if so, the names of States asking for the above;

(c) whether the Ministry is considering a proposal to earmark a certain po.tion of income from such projects, for development of the affected areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) No specific proposal from any State Government for increasing its share in hydroelectricity projects has been received in the recent past.

(c) and (d) In a recent amendment to the Tariff Policy, notified on 31st March, 2008 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions, an additional 1% free power from private project would be provided and earmarked for a Local Area Development fund, aimed at providing a regular stream of revenue for income generation and welfare schemes, creation of additional infrastructure and common facilities etc. on a sustained and continued basis over the life of the project. It has been recommended that the host State Government would also provide a matching 1% from their share 12% free power towards this corpus.

Expansion of NTPC Plants

4115. SRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC has planned for further expansion of Talcher Thermal Power Station, Talcher and Super Thermal Power Station, Kaniha in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether some coal blocks have been allotted to NTPC and by when it is planning to start production of these coal mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. At prsent, there is no such proposal.

(c) NTPC Ltd. has been allotted six coal blocks, namely, Pakri Barwadih, Chatti-Bariatu, Kerandari, Dulanga, Talaipalli and Chatti-Bariatu (South).

In addition, Brahmini & Chichro-Patsimal coal blocks have been identified by Ministry of Coal for joint operation by 50:50 Joint Venture (JV) between NTPC and Coal India Limited (CIL).

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NTPC Ltd.'s plan for commencement of production from the allotted mines is given below:

Coal Blocks/Coal Fields	State	Schedule for start of mining
Pakri Barwadih, North Karanpura Coalfields	Jharkhand	January, 2009
Chatti-Bariatu, North Karanpura Coalfields	Jharkhand	August, 2009
Chatti-Bariatu (South), North Karanpura Coalfields	Jharkhand	@
Kerandari, North Karanpura Coalfields	Jharkhand	May, 2010
Dulanga, IB Valley Coalfields	Orissa	August, 2011
Talaipalli, Raigarh Coalfields	Chhattisgarh	February, 2012

@ NTPC Ltd. has taken up with Ministry of Coal to treat this block as an integral part of Chatti-Bariatu coal block.

Human rights of blind women

†4116. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether separate provision of human rights has been made for the blind women;

(b) if so, the human rights enjoyed by the blind women; and

(c) if not, whether separate human rights are not necessary for the blind women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) In the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, provision has been made for rights to persons with disabilities irrespective of the category or gender

Problem of drugs

†4117. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the problem of taking drugs exists in the country, especially in Delhi;

(b) the action taken by Government to tackle this problem;

(c) the number of de-addiction centres opened by Government in the country, State-wise, especially in Delhi; and

(d) the details of amount allocated to these centres during last three years, till date, year-wise and State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) Problem of drug abuse exists to an extent throughout the country including Delhi.

(b) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, as the Nodal Ministry for drug demand reduction programmes, has been implementing the Scheme for Prohibition of Alcoholism & Substance (Drugs) Abuse to provide a whole range of services including awareness generation, identification, treatment and rehabilitation of addicts through the Voluntary Organisations.

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